
South Florida Water Management District

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

March 5, 2015

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order - James J. Moran, WRAC Chairman

2. WRAC Member Issues

Summary

This agenda item allots WRAC members time to share pertinent information with other members and the public. Comments should be kept brief. If extended time is needed, please consider requesting the topic be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

3. Integrated Delivery Schedule Update- Tom Teets, Director, Everglades Policy and Coordination Division, SFWMD

Summary

The Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) is the basis for agency guidance to decision-makers for scheduling and budgeting South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) Program projects. The 2015 revision to the IDS is a public process and will focus on developing a realistic schedule and sequencing plan for achieving restoration benefits as soon as possible consistent with state and federal authorizations and funding. This presentation will provide an update on the current IDS process.

4. Right of Way Management - John Hixenbaugh, Administrator, Right of Way Section, Field Operations and Land Management Division, SFWMD

Summary

The District has right of way (fee simple or easement) along 2,000 miles of canals and levees, often next to private homes. Those who live adjacent to District canals or connecting secondary canals often add enhancements to the canal right of way which may ultimately end up as obstructions and interfere with the District's ability to operate and maintain the flood control system and respond in emergencies. This presentation will highlight some misuses of District rights of way and outline the District's right of way policy and permitting rules that allow right of way use by adjacent owners.

5. Public Use on District Lands - Dan Cotter, Public Use and Wildlife Section Leader, Field Operations and Land Management Division, SFWMD

Summary

The District has taken great strides over the last several years to enhance and expand public access and nature based-recreation on its public lands while managing them to support the agency mission of environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control. This presentation will give an overview of the District's current public use program and the opportunities available to the public on District-owned property throughout our 16-county region.

6. Staff Reports

Summary

This agenda item allows SFWMD staff to provide brief verbal reports regarding the status of key agency projects and initiatives.

7. General Public Comment

8. Adjourn